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Dear Minority Health Partner:

Please consider this notice of Request for Applications (RFA) for Minority Health Mini-Grants for the 10/1/06-6/30/07 funding period. The RFA is available on the DHFS web page at http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/rfp/index.htm. Awards up to \$10,000 will be granted for mini-projects or project planning. **The application deadline is Friday, August 25, 2006**.

The grants are intended to build the capacity of local communities to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate health resources and services for African Americans, American Indians, Southeast Asians, and/or Hispanics/Latino and to eliminate racial/ethnic disparities in health and healthcare. Applications are targeted to racial/ethnic community-based organizations and tribes in Wisconsin.

Projects for the 2007 grant program should address one of the following 4 priority areas:

- Community-based strategies to reduce infant mortality and low birthweight births
- Community-driven, neighborhood-based primary prevention and health promotion models and services
- Mentoring, development, and support of minority health professionals and minority students interested in health careers
- Programs to reduce overweight and obesity among racial and ethnic minority groups

Please see the attached RFA for details, and I encourage you to share this announcement widely within your networks.

Sincerely,

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